

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014, 6:00 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members John Warshow, Chris Martin, and Andy Perchlik; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitor Brian Holm

At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Christopher Martin.

Holm Salvage Yard: Brian Holm addressed the Board regarding his Certificate of Approved Location. He objects to the Town's requirement to have an evaluation by a Vermont Licensed Hydrogeologist because Vermont doesn't license hydrogeologists. John gave him a list of hydrogeologists that practice in Vermont. Mr. Holm stated that he dug a hole to groundwater and took a sample, and a sample of Nancy Perry's drinking water, and had it tested by Endyne. There were no hydrocarbons present. Mr. Holm stated that according to Shawn Donovan from ANR, there is only one other salvage yard in the state that is required to do water testing. He stated that his salvage yard has been approved by the State and they were only waiting for the Town's Certificate of Approved Location. The State will only require him to install additional screening to block the view of the operation from the road.

John asked why the entire 45 days went by before the Town was notified about his inability to comply. He doesn't feel that this indicates a spirit of cooperation. Mr. Holm asked why there is such a level of suspicion that there is something wrong with the water. John stated that it is not an uncommon event for salvage yards to have contamination problems. Mr. Holm feels that his business is more like a parking lot than a traditional salvage yard; cars come in and sit. He also wonders how a few drops of oil would spread to the groundwater and leave his property. He feels that it would be a waste to spend money to monitor when there is such a small chance of contamination.

Chris stated that he would feel comfortable if Shawn Donovan told the Town directly that there was no reason to require testing. John moved that we suspend consideration of possible violation of the Certificate of Approved Location for Brian Holm to allow us sufficient time to see if the testing is required. Andy seconded – all in favor.

Changes to the Agenda: Chris reminded the Board that at Town Meeting, the Town asked the Selectboard to send a letter to the School Board asking whether civics is being taught. The Board talked about ways to get kids involved with local government. Chris will go to one of the School Board meetings to talk to them about it.

Budgets: The Board discussed the budgeting process and reviewed the current budget reports. The December 2nd meeting will be devoted to preparing budgets.

Road Foreman position: The Board will meet with Dan Tetreault on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Road Foreman's job description and Dan's role after he retires from full time employment.

Recreation Committee: The Selectboard approved a request for the Recreation Committee to donate \$50 to the Plainfield dance/movement events, and a request for the Recreation Committee to use the Old Schoolhouse Common for fitness classes.

Unlicensed Dogs: The Board instructed Bobbi to send a letter, telling people that if their dog isn't licensed by the next meeting, it will be impounded.

Stranahan Town Forest: The Board received a request to allow removal of scrap metal from the property. The Board received a recommendation from the Stranahan Stewardship Committee that the dumps should be inventoried first. The Board agreed. Andy suggested that the Selectboard should ask the Historical Society to do a preliminary inventory and let the Board know if the vehicles could be removed.

Bobbi does not have the timber estimates for the logging job, so bids will likely not be due until December 16.

Chart of Accounts: The Board reviewed the chart of accounts and made suggestions.

Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission: The Board will suggest that the Fire Department recommend someone.

Marshfield History Center: The Board decided to keep the budget under the Historical Society.

Correspondence: The Board instructed Bobbi to send a letter to the property owner and tenant at SASS Ave, letting them know the road will no longer be plowed because there is not room for the town truck to turn around due to the amount of debris in the driveway.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll. They approved the minutes of the November 4, 2014 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the November 18, 2014 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
